

GERMAN FORCES SUFFERING TERRIBLE LOSSES

IN DESPERATE FIGHTING

ALONG WESTERN LINE

WITH FRENCH TROOPS

Latter Claim to Be Making Steady Advance and Taking Many Prisoners.

ITALIANS ALSO ADVANCE

And Hungary Has a Political Crisis Similar to That Just at End in England.

LONDON, June 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The entire western line of battle except those portions held by the Belgians and the British has been the scene of offensive movements initiated by the French. In the region of Arras the French have extended the area of their attack while they are pressing all along the front from the angle of the Aisne and the Oise in a northerly direction as far as the British positions at LaBassee, where the British forces are lying apparently in quiescence. For the last three weeks the French have been advancing slowly but steadily in the country immediately north of Arras. They met a determined resistance from the formidable German work known as "the labyrinth," part of which, however, is now in their control. The French have been gathering in prisoners. At Hebuterne they have taken some 400 and at Soissons 250 more. Desperate German counter attacks, according to the French report, have been made but without success and with terrible losses to the attackers. The German announcement makes but brief reference to the western front, merely recording the repulses of French attacks.

Rivers figure more or less prominently today in the report from both sides. From the eastern front the Russians claim to have pushed their offensive movement across the Pruth near Kolomea while Petrograd has admitted the advance of the Austro-Germans across the river Diester in Galicia. The river Dubra changed hands five times in one day with the Russians finally in possession and the Isonzo is the scene of the most important Italian advance into Austrian territory. There has been little news with regard to the Italian movement other than the official admission from Vienna that the Italians are preparing to advance against the Isonzo in strong force. Hungary is experiencing a political crisis similar to that which has just come to an end in England. Although the opposition leaders have expressed their assent to the government's policy, the war have thus far prevented the formation of a coalition cabinet.

FRENCH TROOPS TAKE MORE GERMAN POSITIONS

PARIS, June 8.—The French war office this afternoon gave out the following statement: "In the sector to the north of Arras there were last night some infantry engagements. On the eastern slopes of the plateau, the position of the enemy was repulsed after an attack from us by three violent counter attacks. This activity did not result in any changes of positions. To the northeast of the sugar refinery of Souchez we made further progress yesterday. At Neuville St. Vaast we gained possession as a result of very violent fighting of a group of houses. "In the region of the 'labyrinth' a German counter attack has been repulsed. South east of Hebuterne the Germans yesterday endeavored to capture the position they had lost. Four different times they were driven back. We increased our gains to the northeast by taking two lines of German trenches along a 500-yard mark. We took a total of 150 prisoners of whom 100 had not been wounded."

BRITISH ARE DEFEATED SEVERELY BY THE TURKS

BERLIN, by wireless, June 8.—Among the news items given out today by the Overseas News Agency is the following: "Constantinople reports give further details of the severe British defeat at Seddul Bahr. The Turks in their attack forced their enemies back and captured large stores of arms and ammunition. They took prisoners. The position of the British troops is dangerous. They are without the support of the heavy guns of their ships and the men are nervous and without spirit. Travelers report that at Alexandria, Egypt, there are no fewer than 40,000 wounded British soldiers."

PROVIDES LEVY.

MORGANTOWN, June 8.—Following addresses by A. Miss McCrum and James S. Larkin, of the state board of control, and several prominent men, the Monongalia county court has passed an order providing for a special levy upon property in this county to raise \$75,000 within the next four years to be expended in the purchase of property and buildings for the state university.

STATE DRUGGISTS' CONVENTION HERE

Three Days Next Week with a Splendid Program Announced for Same.

As previously announced, the ninth annual convention of the West Virginia State Pharmaceutical Association will be held at the Waldor hotel Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 15, 16, and 17. The official program of the convention will be as follows: Monday. 8:00 p. m.—Opening of the register, distribution of badges and informal reception in parlor of Waldor hotel. Tuesday. 9:00 a. m.—Opening of Ninth Annual session of the West Virginia State Pharmaceutical Association in assembly room, Waldor hotel. The president's address will be delivered at this session. 12:30 p. m.—Lunch. 2:30 p. m.—Card party at country club for ladies. Prizes on display. 2:30 p. m.—Bowling for men. Prizes on display. 6:30 p. m.—Dinner. 8:00 p. m.—Reception to the Association and auxiliary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Haymaker, 244 East Main street. Wednesday. 9:00 a. m.—Second session of the convention. 10:00 a. m.—Auxiliary meeting. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year will be elected. 11:00 a. m.—Prof. C. H. Rogers will speak on pharmacy department at West Virginia university. 12:30 p. m.—Official photograph. 1:00 p. m.—Lunch. 2:30 p. m.—Baseball game and field sports at ball park on car line. Game, druggists vs. travellers. Prizes on display. 7:00 p. m.—Dinner. 9:00 p. m.—Grand ball, Masonic temple. 11:00 p. m.—Buffet Lunch. Thursday. 9:00 a. m.—Third and final session of the convention. 11:00 a. m.—J. Leydon White of the National Association Retail Druggists will speak on "National Pharmaceutical Legislation." 12:30 p. m.—Lunch. 2:00 p. m.—Reception by Imperial Ice Cream Company for inspection of their plant. 3:00 p. m.—Bowling for ladies. Prizes on display. 8:00 p. m.—Banquet and closing of the ninth annual convention. Prizes given in all contests presented by various firms.

LIQUOR Is Brought into the State in an Iron Pipe to Evade the "Dry" Law.

FAYETTEVILLE, June 8.—A Loop Creek man has hit upon an ingenious scheme to evade the law relative to the shipment of liquor into this state. An ordinary piece of iron pipe, which contained a gallon of liquor was handled by unsuspecting express officials as a simple piece of machinery and delivered to the consignee. A fire extinguisher was shipped to this city recently with three gallons of Bourbon in it. This plan is said to be frequently worked. The carbonic acid gas drums of soda fountains, however, are tabooed. They came so frequently that they fell under suspicion and can no longer be used as liquor conveyors with impunity.

RIGHT ARM LOST By General Obregon in Fighting against General Villa Forces at Leon.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Advices from Vera Cruz to the state department today transmitted a wireless message from Tampico, reporting the capture of Tuxpam by Villa forces Sunday. One British citizen was killed and four were wounded during the fighting. S. P. Jones was killed, Thomas Mallard, Mrs. Mallard and their infant child, and A. T. Graves were wounded while seeking cover. Consul Silliman, at Vera Cruz, reported that General Obregon's victory over the Villa forces at Leon, appeared to be confirmed. He said it was reported Obregon had lost his right arm in the fighting.

MORPHINE PEDDLERS Arrested at Parkersburg Are Held under Heavy Bond for a Hearing Today.

PARKERSBURG, June 8.—William Horton and William Casteel, the two men who were arrested several days ago on a shantboat near the East street bridge on a charge of having in their possession morphine and also on suspicion of being connected with various robberies on the ground that they had in their possession property identified as having been taken from local owners, will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner Dorris today. Meanwhile, they are held on bond of \$2,000. They were to have been arraigned before the commissioner yesterday, but the hearing was continued as some of the parties were not ready for the arraignment. The federal warrants were issued at the instance of C. M. Wetzel, chief deputy collector of internal revenue, to whom the matter had been reported. The complaint is made under the Harrison act recently passed by Congress. The men not being able to give bond were remanded to jail to await the hearing.

GOING WEST To Attend Eagles' National Meeting and Visit the Coast Expositions.

Archie A. Crawford, past worthy president, will represent the localerie of Eagles at the annual convention of the granderie of the order, to be held at Spokane, Wash., the first week in August. He was chosen at a regular meeting of the arerie Monday night as such representative. Mrs. Crawford will probably accompany him and they will be gone at least a month, it being their intention to visit the coast expositions before their return.

OIL AND GAS

Attention is again directed to the Berea grit development on Cabin creek, in Cabin Creek district, Kanawha county, W. Va. The Columbus Producing Company has completed its No. 5 on the Williams Coal Company's tract, located on the same tract, and has a natural producer good for forty barrels a day. This showing is about as good as the first well when drilled through the sand and will no doubt materially improve when it is shot. The location is not removed from the first well completed, but like all other completions since the first, shows slight extension. This is the fourth well the Columbus Producing Company has completed on the Williams Coal Company's tract, and all are producers. The other four wells should reach the Berea grit district—all wildcats will not be completed for some time. The formations encountered are very hard and drilling is slow and tedious.

The first well due is the United Fuel Company's test on the Paint Creek Coal Company's tract, which is now down about 3,000 feet. The Berea grit formation on Cabin creek is reached at a depth of about 2,500 feet. The Carter Oil Company's No. 3 on the Winfrede Coal Company's tract is drilling at 2,000 feet and at the same time as the test on the Paint Creek Coal Company's tract. In Duval district, Lincoln county, the Carter Oil Company has completed and shot its test on the J. A. Alley farm and has a test on the Brea grit. The same company has completed and shot its second test on the Joseph Moore farm, and has a fifteen-barrel producer. The South Penn Oil Company has the same kind of a producer at its No. 20 in the Horse Creek district. The Washington district, the Eagle Oil and Gas Company has the rig completed for a test on the Walter Hall farm, located 500 feet north-west of James Potter and Company's test on the Standard Fuel Company's Property.

On Big Binghamon creek, Manning district, Marion county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has completed a gasser. On Warriors Fork, in the same district, the same company is getting ready to drill in the lower sands. On Miracle run, Battelle district, Monongalia county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has completed a test on the Wesley Shriver farm and has a gasser in the Big Injun sand. On Straight Fork, Burning Springs district, Wirt county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has drilled a test on the D. H. Wymer farm through the Big Injun sand and has a gasser. On Rock run, in the same district, the Walnut Creek Oil Company has completed a test on Nos. 14 and 15 on the Hervey G. Sayer farm. On the same stream the Hope Natural Gas Company has the rig completed for a test on the M. J. Naughton farm.

On Indian creek, Murphy district, Ritchie county, the Elm Hill Oil Company has a rig up to drill a test on the Elias Haight farm. On Lynn Camp run, Clay district, M. G. Taylor has made the location for a test on the J. W. Hogue farm. On Bond's creek, in the fourth district, the Virginia Gas Company has made a location on the W. T. Farley farm.

On Big Panther run, McKim district, Pleasants county, Rhinehart and Gore have drilled a second test on the Harry Myers farm through the Big Injun sand. They have a duster. On Sugar creek, Lafayette district, Albert Neeley and Company have started to drill a test on the Lavina J. Smith farm. On Walker's creek, Walker's district, Wood county, G. L. Bunnell is starting a test on the David Duerr and Lafayette Mirac farms.

On Nutter's Fork, of Goose creek, Grant district, Ritchie county, W. H. O'Dell has made the location and is getting in rig timbers for a test on the William Carr farm. On Lone Drain run, Centerville district, Tyler county, the same district, the Heat Company has drilled No. 3 on the W. L. and John E. McCleary farm through the Gordon sand and to a depth of 2,850 feet and has a duster. The casing has been pulled and the hole abandoned.

In the Taylorstown district, East Finley township, Washington county, Pa., the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company has drilled No. 3 on the W. L. and John E. McCleary farm through the Gordon sand and to a depth of 2,850 feet and has a duster. The casing has been pulled and the hole abandoned.

The Oil Market. Pennsylvania, \$1.35; Mercer black, 97; New Castle, 97; Corning, 83; Cabell, 97; North Lima, 88; South Lima, 33; Princeton, 84; Wooster, 1.05; Indiana, 83; Somerset, 80; Ohio, 63; Illinois, 84; Kansas, 40; Oklahoma, 40; Corsicana, light, 45; Corsicana, heavy, 40; Electra, 45; Headton, 30; Henrietta, 45; Caddo, 38 degrees, 50; Caddo, 35 degrees, 50; Caddo, 30 degrees, 40; Caddo, crude, 95; Canada, 1.38. Produce market. Refiners' Company quoted \$1.35 for crude of the Pennsylvania grade.

"SOME" BOY. Mr. and Mrs. T. James Keenan are the proud and joyful parents of a boy baby weighing twelve and a half pounds who was born to them Tuesday morning. Mr. Keenan is the popular assistant superintendent of the Hazel-Atlas glass factory.

VERY GRAVE. ROME, via Paris, June 8.—A dispatch from Athens says the condition of King Constantine of Greece suddenly has become very grave.

ANOTHER DAYLIGHT HOLD-UP BY BANDITS IN NEW YORK CITY

COUNTY AGENT ZINN VISITS MANY FARMS

In Clay District Following Which Week will Be Spent in Simpson District.

County Agricultural Agent W. D. Zinn makes an interesting report of last week's work. He visited sixteen farms in Clay district. At the farms of E. E. Righter and John James he met a number of other farmers who came in to go over these farms with him. Almost every acre of these lands were found in need of lime. Quite a number of farmers agreed to grow alfalfa, soy beans and improve their meadows and pastures. Seven demonstrators were appointed. Three meetings were held with a total attendance of 125 farmers. A very few corn club boys and tomato club girls were found. To these he met gave such instructions as he thought they were in need of. Everywhere he went he had a most cordial reception. Clay district, he says, is one of the good districts of the county, but there is need of a little interest, was manifested in lime pulverizers and one or two will be purchased in the near future. On account of the County Dairy Association which is to convene Saturday, June 12, the regular lecture hour will begin at 1 p. m. The subject of silos and silage will be discussed during this hour. Mr. Zinn expresses himself as more than pleased with the attendance last Saturday. During this week he will be in Simpson district and hold meetings Wednesday night at the Lins school house and Thursday afternoon at Bridgeport. He will visit farmers in this section during those three days.

FOUR VESSELS By German Submarine Ships and at Least Seventeen Lives Are Lost.

LONDON, June 8.—The Belgian steamer, Memar, has been sent to the bottom by a German torpedo near the north Foreland of the coast at Kent. Out of twenty-three persons on board only six were saved. The captain, his wife and daughter, the first mate and the pilot and twelve members of the crew lost their lives. Two Norwegian vessels, the Trudvang and the Superb, have been sunk by German submarines. Another Norwegian steamer sunk is the Glitterind.

POISONER ABROAD. FAIRMONT, June 8.—Mayor Anthony Bren has warned citizens to keep a lookout for a "toxicomaniac," who has been terrorizing Fairmont for the past ten days by administering poison to cows, dogs and other animals. More than fifty animals, valued at \$1,500 have been poisoned.

TWO ACQUITTALS. Sanford Lewis and William Goff were acquitted by criminal court juries Monday evening of violating the prohibition law. Theirs were the first two trials at the present term of the court.

HURSEY TRIAL. Edward H. Hursey's trial in the federal court at Parkersburg, was due to begin this afternoon. He is charged with the murder of Marcus Ray last October, is on Kelley, who lived next door to his brother-in-law, Charles Koon, fired at Morgan, who was in the rear of Koon's home.

KELLEY'S TRIAL ON. FAIRMONT, June 8.—In circuit court the trial of Edwin Kelley, prominent young man of Fairmont, charged with the murder of Marcus Ray last October, is on. Kelley, who lived next door to his brother-in-law, Charles Koon, fired at Morgan, who was in the rear of Koon's home.

CHIROPODISTS MEET. PARKERSBURG, June 8.—The second annual convention of the Chiropody Association of West Virginia, has closed here. It will meet the first Monday in June in Wheeling next year.

EX-SHERIFF DEAD. KEYSER, June 8.—Floyd Knight, aged 6 years, ex-sheriff of Mineral county, is dead at his home in Keyser, following an attack of heart failure. He is survived by three children: Mrs. Frank Reynolds, wife of the state's attorney at Keyser; Mrs. Dr. Hershey, of Charles Fown, and Charles Knight, of Keyser.

Two Men in a Buggy on the Way to Deposit \$8,500 in Bank Are the Victims.

ROBBERS ASSAULT THEM Grab Their Satchel, Run away, Enter an Automobile and Make Their Escape.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Another daylight hold-up, this time by automobile bandits, who robbed two men on their way in a buggy to deposit money in a bank, took place in New York today. The robbers got away with a satchel containing \$8,500. The victims were George Liskard, cashier, and Thomas Boyd, superintendent of a branch office of the Borden Condensed Milk Company, who were driving through a sparsely settled district of the Bronx to deposit collections. They were held up by three men, who, after beating them and stealing the satchel, ran across a footbridge across the New York Central tracks, entered an automobile and escaped.

BULGARIA And Roumania Are Less Likely to Enter the War on the Side of the Allies.

COLOGNE, Germany, via London, June 8.—The chances that Bulgaria and Roumania will enter the war with the allies are diminishing, says a Berlin despatch to the Cologne Gazette. The political heavens of the Balkans have cleared somewhat, the despatch says. "Roumania has rejected the first offer of the Triple Entente as unsatisfactory. Bulgaria also has received offers from the Entente. It is not known that Bulgaria has formally rejected them but it is in agreement with Roumania and since the latter has rejected the offers Bulgaria will do likewise. This assumption is the more reasonable because Bulgaria's first demand is immediate occupation by it of the Macedonian territory taken from it by Serbia. The Entente has not yet offered that. Bulgaria naturally is not disinterested in the Turkish frontier but Bulgarian statesmen are keenly conscious that the opportunity regarding Macedonia is one which will come now or never."

MEAT MARKET Men in London Volunteer to Make Munitions of War Four Days Every Week.

LONDON, June 8.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 men who are employed at the Smithfield meat market at London have volunteered to work four days a week in turning out munitions of war. A committee formed to put this plan into effect proposes to close the market two hours earlier than at present in four days of the week to offset in part the increase in working hours.

SENT TO ROADS. In the criminal court Tuesday, Harry McAtee pleaded guilty of petit larceny for the theft of junk from the Consolidation Coal Company and was sentenced to the roads for ten months. James E. Payne is on trial charged with violating the prohibition law.

NAVY CHIEF DEAD. PARIS, June 8.—Admiral Aubert, chief of the general staff of the French navy, died last night at a hospital here after an illness which had lasted several weeks. He formerly was commander of the fleet at Toulon.

TALBOTT TRANSFERRED. W. R. Talbott, representative of the Home Loan Company at Parkersburg, during the last three and a half years has been transferred to the Clarksburg office. He comes here Monday.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED. Bailey Kennedy, a Telegram "newbie," today was able to leave the St. Mary's hospital, where he has his tonsils removed. He is doing nicely.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK. Governor H. D. Hatfield will make the address Friday at the graduating exercises of the Keyser preparatory school of the West Virginia University.

REPUBLICANS WIN. CHICAGO, June 8.—The Republicans elected four out of five members of the supreme court voted for at the judicial elections in Illinois Monday.

PLANS DISCUSSED. WHEELING, June 8.—Officers of the West Virginia grand lodge of Knights of Pythias met in the office of Attorney John P. Arbenz, the grand chancellor of the organization Monday night and discussed business matters concerning work in the state. Plans for the state meeting to be held in Charles Town beginning Wednesday, August 25 were discussed.